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SUBJECT: DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECY LUERS ON AID TO JAMAICA

1. FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF A STORY APPEARING ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE SUNDAY GLEANER OF MAY 8 UNDER A FOUR-COLUMN HEAD WHICH READS: "LUERS TELLS BLACK FORUM: NO COUNTRY QUALIFIES MORE THAN JAMAICA FOR U.S. AID.

2. TEXT: QUOTE: "THERE IS NO COUNTRY THAT QUALIFIES MORE FOR U.S. AID THAN JAMAICA", MR. WILLIAM LUERS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, TOLD A RECENT MEETING OF THE BLACK FORUM ON FOREIGN POLICY IN WASHINGTON. AN API RELEASE QUOTED MR. LUERS AS SAYING THAT, IN SPITE OF JAMAICA'S RECENT TEMPORARY ECONOMIC REVERSES AND ADVERSE PRESS COVERAGE, "IT WAS TIME WE GOT ON WITH THE JOB OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH JAMAICA..

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HE ADDED: "THERE IS NO COUNTRY THAT QUALIFIES MORE FOR U.S. AID THAN JAMAICA".

MR. LUERS HEADED THE U.S. ECONOMIC TEAM, WHICH CAME TO THE ISLAND LAST SUNDAY TO EXPLORE WITH A SIMILAR TEAM FROM JAMAICA, WAYS IN WHICH THE TWO COUNTRIES CAN CO-OPERATE.

ACCORDING TO THE API RELEASE, THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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KAISER ALUMINUM COMPANY, MR. THOMAS SINGER, ALSO TOOK PART IN THE DISCUSSION. HE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE PRAISED THE RECENTLY-CONCLUDED PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN JAMAICA AND KAISER ALUMINIUM COMPANY IN THIS ISLAND. HE CHARACTERIZED, JAMAICA'S ECONOMIC FUTURE, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO BAUXITE, AS "ROSY".

MR. SINGER SAID THAT AFTER 25 YEARS OF DOING BUSINESS IN JAMAICA, KAISER IS ALIVE AND WELL, AND HE PREDICTED A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OF

\$180 - \$200 MILLION IN BAUXITE REVENUE GOING TO THE JAMAICAN
GOVERNMENT BY 1980.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE MEETING WAS JAMAICA'S AMBASSADOR TO THE
UNITED STATES, MR. ALFRED A. RATTRAY. END TEXT.
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